

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: N. KATOH et al  
Serial No. 09/582,327  
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Group Art Unit: 2819  
Examiner: A. Tran  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
DEVICE, STORAGE MEDIUM ON WHICH CELL  
LIBRARY IS STORED AND DESIGNING METHOD  
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ✓

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 22 and 23 as set forth below.

22. (Amended) A designing method for a semiconductor  
integrated circuit device according to claim 21, using the  
storage medium on which there is stored the cell library,  
comprising at least the steps of: